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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MARTHA BERNDT, MARTA HASTINGS,
JUDY LONGO , et al., individually and on
behalf of all persons similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
CORRECTIONS, et al.,

Defendants.

NO. CO3-3174 THE

**REQUEST OF CHARLES
STEPHEN RALSTON TO
PARTICIPATE IN CASE
MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE
BY TELEPHONE**

Date: November 3, 2008
Time: 1:30 pm
Courtroom: 12, 19th Floor
Hon. Thelton E. Henderson

Pursuant to Local Rule 16-10, Charles Stephen Ralston, counsel for plaintiffs, requests

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leave to participate in the Case Management Conference scheduled on November 3, 2008, at 1:30 pm PST, by telephone. In support of this request he would show the following:

1. The Case Management Conference is scheduled to be held the day before the election on November 4, 2008. Mr. Ralston's co-counsel, Pamela Y. Price and John L. Burris, are scheduled to travel to Ohio and North Carolina, respectively, for the purpose of participating in election projects in those states. Therefore, they will be out of the State of California on November 3 and will be unavailable to participate in the scheduled Case Management Conference.

2. Mr. Ralston currently resides in New York state and has plans to be in that state on November 3. It would be a matter of great convenience to him if he were allowed to participate in the Case Management Conference by telephone, at 518-392-2142. He will be prepared to participate fully and to speak on behalf of co-counsel as to scheduling and other matters.

Dated: October 21, 2008

Respectfully submitted,



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**THE REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE BY
TELEPHONE IS GRANTED.**

DATED: 10/21, 2008

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